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TRUE to that policy of drift and vacillation which has been the curse of our intercourse with the East generally during the last forty years, the British Government is again exhibiting the lassitude and want of tone which has now become chronic. It is unpleasant to have to repeat the same story from year's end to year's end, yet no sooner has our Foreign Office, by exertions which it would fain have us to believe were superhuman, dragged us out of one difficulty than immediately it almost seems to strive to get mixed up in another. We know the trouble with which the Government has been looking out both ways to obtain some quotable opinion which would appear to justify it in abandoning Weihai, and we also know the difficulties it has encountered in its self-imposed and unpatriotic task. It has been lately whispered that in Sir CYPRIAN BRIDGE it has at last found an Admiral willing to say something which can be alleged in detriment of the place; but as the strong condemnation which they have hinted at has not ever over Admiral BRIDGE'S signature been published, it is only reasonable to conclude that the pretended condemnation, doubtless written to order, and accompanied by so many conditions as to confute itself, is too dangerous an instrument to permit of its being published in full; and to publish a portion would only excite worse suspicions. The fact of the matter is that the more the position and capabilities of Weihai, whether as a military, political, or mercantile base, are taken into consideration, the more does the

folly and madness of retiring impress itself on any unprejudiced observer.

Weihai was occupied as a counterpoise to Russia's seizure of Port Arthur; opposition to her action was ostensibly withdrawn in consequence of Russia's declaration that she only intended to use it as the terminus of her Siberian Railway, and did not mean to fortify it. Well, Russia is still in Port Arthur; she has fortified it to render it, as she thought, at least impregnable. That Russia has got a little unpleasant foretaste of an eventual surrender is probably true; but if she have, it was not through any activity on the part of the British Government, who so far from showing any evidence of activity, on the contrary went down on its knees before Russia and Japan, begging the two in the mildest of language not to quarrel. It is always the unfortunate results of such undignified and old-womanlike conduct to inflame the passions it would appease, and the present is no exception. What would have been the result had our Government taken some more dignified action is of course impossible to say. One thing, however, cannot be called in question: the position could not have been worse than it is to-day, and Great Britain would not have had to stand in a corner with her finger in her mouth. So far, then, no change has come over the military position, and the occupation of Weihai is as much a matter of moment as ever. Indeed it is probably more so, for the retirement of Great Britain from so advantageous a position, we may be certain, would be followed up by the entrance of some other and more enterprising Power. We have had many instances of late of the worthlessness of the respect paid to their most solemn engagements by the Powers on the Continent; our own Government cannot plead ignorance, for it openly spoke in the Commons of the impossibility of binding a Power like Russia. Is Lord LANSDOWN sanguine enough to believe that Weihai would be vacant twenty-four hours after the British flag had been hauled down? Politically retirement would be tantamount to declaring ourselves out of the game. Had we never occupied Weihai it would under existing conditions be had play to accept it, even as a gift. Russia is being called to account for her misdeeds generally, and practically her existence as an empire is being questioned; it would be manifestly impolitic still further to complicate the political tangle. For precisely the same reason it would be in the last degree impolitic to throw into the arena another apple of discord. As the case stands, we hold Weihai; we can employ the influence its holding gives us in the Gulf of Pechili to useful purpose, not only in the general settlement of affairs which must shortly come about, but in the interest of China herself. China is not in a fit frame of mind to be trusted with edged tools; the Dowager Tsz'hi is still occupying the place of the legitimate Emperor, and the Palace ropes are still being manipulated in an alien interest by the Russian Minister at the capital. Weihai and England have yet their mission but half performed; it is a moment to entertain thoughts even of throwing up the sponge?

The third reason against retiring is to mercantile men, and therefore in the eyes of most of our readers, the principal, and that is the commercial. Weihai is in North China the only spot where the banumbing influence of Sir ROBERT HART and, we may add, of Sir JAMES MACKAY is not the law of the land. It affords the one bright spot where manufacturing industry, and the growth of an export trade, are still possible in the interest of China herself; then, no less than in that of the world at large, our continuance at Weihai, not necessarily as a military base, has become a matter of moment. The nominal opening of ports, done for the sole purpose of attracting provincial funds to the capital, there to be wasted, or, worse than wasted, used for the debauchery of the State, is the actuating motive in all these pretended reforms. The real depressing influences are still at work, and the only difference from former conditions is that whereas of old exactions on trade went into provincial treasuries, where the law of demand and supply put a practical limit to suicidal tariffs, they are nowadays concentrated in doctrinaire hands to whom killing taxation, provided only it be carried out by rule and compass, is a thing of joy and beauty. That there is a limit in each case beyond which increase of taxation positively reduces the collection, is a phase of political economy which has never entered into the heart of the Inspector-General to conceive. The lessons of the introduction of the cotton-spinning industry in Shanghai

should show our Government how essential in the interests of trade it is to have it unhampered by petty interferences. It actually pays the manufacturer better to ship his raw material to Japan, have it manufactured with the dearer labour there prevailing, pay double duties, and bring the manufactured goods back to China, than to have his cotton spun on the spot in Shanghai!

It is true that as yet no manufactures, and none but the most petty of trades, have sprung up in Weihai; but whose is the blame? The merchant and the manufacturer are ready to invest their capital, but the shifting, shiftless policy, or rather no-policy of our Government, dabbled on the edge of the stream, one minute putting its foot in the water, only the next to withdraw it in a terror of its own making, has hitherto prevented any advance being made.

A four-page daily paper has been started at Chefoo called the *Chefoo Daily News*.

A subscription list has been opened at Odessa for a monument to the memory of Admiral Makaroff and the men who died with him.

The following appointments have been made to the Admiralty:—Engineer Lieutenants B. D. McQueen, to the *Tamar* for Hongkong Yard, and C. F. L. Donkin, to the *Tamar* for the *Whiting*, to date April 18.

During the 24 hours ended at noon yesterday five fatal cases of plague (all Chinese) were reported. Two came from Queen's Road West, one from Ko Sing Street, one from First Street, and one from Shaukiwan.

Another wreath from "the Hon." E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., of Hongkong, appeared in the forefront of Lord Beaconsfield's statue in Parliament Square, London, on Primrose Day. We must confess to wondering why Mr. Bellios has not had the annual error corrected.

The writer of "Topics for the Times" in the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—"As I write the weather is everything that could be desired for the opening of the cricket season. I hope to see some good new blood in both the senior clubs. We have to recover certain 'ashes' from the south." Well, Hongkong will be quite ready when the weather permits.

The Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, wounded on the *Petropavlovsk*, will, when he returns to Europe, go to Nice to regain health, staying at the Chateau Fabron with his aunt, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg. Home papers add that the Grand Duchess of Hesse, whom the Duke Cyril was anxious to marry, is now at Nice with her mother.

A telegram dated London, May 5th, says:—"London County has beaten the M.C.C. by seven wickets." A later wire to Singapore adds that Leicestershire has beaten Warwickshire by 8 wickets; Nottingham has beaten Kent by 3 wickets; Yorkshire has beaten Cambridge University by an innings and 18 runs; Oxford University has beaten Somerset by an innings and 45 runs.

Admiral E. J. Church, who died at Weymouth on the 18th ultimo, aged 62, was commander of the *Curlew* from 1873 to 1878 on the China and Japan stations, and received the commendation of the Admiralty on three separate occasions for having efficiently carried out special services. He held the post of commodore at Hongkong from 1888 to 1891. He was made vice-admiral in 1899, and was put on the retired list in the same year.

The *Feuille de Renseignements*, official organ of the French Colonial Office, states that the establishment of iron foundries on a large scale in Tonkin seems quite feasible. Rich veins of iron ore have recently been discovered about 80 kilometres from Hanoi. Not far from this place are the anthracite coal mines of Hengay, now being successfully worked. This anthracite, mixed with coal from Japan or Yunnan, would it is said, produce coke adapted for iron founding. A market might, it is said, be found in China, Japan, Hongkong, and Siam, countries which at present have to import from Europe and America.

The Government of India have acceded to the request of the Indian Tea Association to approach the Home Government with reference to the proposed enhancement of the British import duty. On the 23rd April, the Government telegraphed to the Secretary of State that they considered the anticipations of the Association as to the probable effect on consumption of the enhanced duty to be well founded. They further intimated that they would be glad if His Majesty's Ministers could refrain from increasing the duty. In addition to this action, the Government of India have also informed the Secretary of State of the resolution passed at the public meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce on the 23rd April.

Now that the summer weather has actually arrived we may expect a repetition of the cheap outings to Macao and the surrounding islands that were so deservedly popular last year. First and foremost among the notices to hand is a picnic to Macao, calling at Ten Table Island for tiffin, on Sunday, the 5th June, under the auspices of the B.A.O.B., who, we hear, have made arrangements for the chartering of s.s. *Wing Chai* for the occasion. Given fine weather and the requisite number to make the picnic a success, both from a convivial and financial standpoint, we see no reason why those availing themselves of the opportunity should not have a most enjoyable as well as inexpensive outing.

Columbia University has granted Fellowships to Chin Yung-yon, of the Imperial University of Peking, a student of American Constitutional Law, and Mr. William Campbell, of Durham University, who is already in receipt of a grant of three hundred pounds a year from the Carnegie Institute for the study of the physical properties of steel.

Statistics furnished by the Consulate General of Japan in London show that Japanese trade during the first quarter of the year has scarcely felt any of the effects of the war. As hostilities did not commence till near the middle of February there has been, of course, little time for adverse influences to be experienced; but even allowing for this, it is proof of Japan's vitality that exports and imports combined should record an increase of £2,011,000 as compared with the corresponding period of 1903. This is almost as much as the gain made a year ago—£2,184,800—and over seven times the advance of 1902 or 1901. The imports for the past quarter amount to £9,021,000, an increase of £999,000 and the exports amount to £7,173,000 an increase of £1,012,000.

The veteran Russian General Dragomiroff wrote to a correspondent a letter in which he says Russia has "too many hares." "You say yourself," observes the General, "that irresponsible advisers, such as Besobrov, Prince Meshtcherski, Demtshinski, and others are responsible for everything. What can we do against them? I have bitterly deplored the fact that with a light heart we have hunted several hares at the same time; according to my estimate not less than six. There is the Finnish, the Polish, the Turkish, the Persian, the Indian, and finally the Manchurian hare. To these have now been added a seventh—the Transcaucasian, to say nothing of the artificially-produced ferment in the Russian interior."

*L'Echo de Chine* has a leading article by "X" in which the Russians are consoled for their defeats by being assured that they have all occurred through their undervaluing their enemy. This will now be remedied, and in his concluding paragraph "X" warns the Japanese what they have now to expect:—"The wounded white bear will rise up again more terrible than ever, his fur bristling as he shakes off the few drops of blood which might stain his robe, and throws himself on his prey with little thought of pity as a slight irritation near his heart reminds him of the first bullet he received." This extraordinary outburst will doubtless console Russia for all her losses.

We take the following example of "the Chinaman's legal subtlety" from a home paper:—"Ah Foo, the Chinaman who a year ago was sentenced to five weeks' imprisonment for having landed in Australia while a prohibited immigrant, has secured a reversal of that decision. He appealed on the ground that ten words of a European language had been read to him for dictation instead of fifty. The full Court of Victoria quashed the conviction against him that he was an undesirable immigrant. The Chief Justice said the section of the Act required that at least fifty words of any European language should be submitted. It was not sufficient answer to say that the person failed to write ten words submitted to him."

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Fremonger and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner to-night (weather permitting):—  
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Selection..... *Floradora*..... Leslie Stuart  
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Vanilla Ice Cream..... Finger Cakes.

## THE DALLAS COMPANY.

Last night the Dallas Musical Dramatic Company were again favoured with a very fair house, when they reproduced the ever popular musical comedy *Floradora*. As in the previous performance the principal parts were sustained with considerable animation, and the pleasing witticisms of Anthony Tweedlepun, so ably impersonated by Mr. Percival Knight, were undoubtedly the feature of the performance. One and all worked hard to make the play a success, and taking into consideration the drawbacks consequent upon the time of the year, last evening's performance was quite up to the standard expected of the well-known company. We see from the notices that *Three Little Maids* will be staged this evening, and those desirous of filling in an hour or so will do well to follow the story of the *Three Little Maids* as portrayed by the Dallas Company.

## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## THE WAR

STARTLING REPORT.—

MUKDEN THREATENED.

LONDON, 18th May, 11 a.m.

There is a Russian report to the effect that a Japanese force has reached a point 30 miles north-east of Mukden on the railway line, and is advancing in three columns.

It is also reported that General Kuropatkin is about to retire to Harbin and await reinforcements. Giving the Japanese 225,000 men now in the field, he calculates that they will take six weeks to reach Harbin.

IN THE LIAOTUNG  
PENINSULA.

LONDON, 18th May, 11 a.m.

General Kuropatkin reports that 20,000 Japanese troops have landed at Siungyu-cheng, south of Kaiping.

SPLIT BETWEEN RUSSIAN  
COMMANDERS.

LONDON, 18th May, 11 a.m.

General Kuropatkin and Admiral Alexieff are in total disagreement, both as to the question of the defence of Port Arthur and in other matters.

[Part of the above, the message referring to Mukden, was published by us as a special "extra" yesterday morning. Further details will be eagerly awaited, for the presence of Japanese troops north of Mukden at this stage was entirely unexpected, whether advancing round the Mo-tien-ling range from Fengwangcheng or from the east coast of Corea. Siungyu-cheng, mentioned in the second part of the telegram, is less than 20 miles south of Kaiping and about 40 south of Tashihchiao, the junction of the lines to Newchwang and to Mukden. The Japanese were previously said to have landed at Kaiping.—Ed. D.P.]

GENERAL SASSULITCH  
SUPERSEDED.

LONDON, 19th May, 10.25 a.m.

General Sassulitch, who was in command on the Yalu, has been superseded by General Keller.

## TIBET.

GRAVE SYMPTOMS—TIBETAN  
HEAVY GUNS.

LONDON, 18th May, 11.5 a.m.

The Tibetan forces opposing the British Mission are receiving reinforcements including two big guns.

[JAPANESE CONSULAR SERVICE.]

## THE BATTLE OF THE YALU.

## HEAVY CASUALTIES.

TOKIO, 19th May 17.20 p.m.

General Kuroki reports that the exact numbers of Japanese casualties at the Battle of the Yalu were 218 killed, including 5 officers, and 783 wounded, including 33 officers. Russian corpses buried by us numbered 1,363, and 613 prisoners were taken. The booty consisted of three-inch quick-firing field guns, 21 quick-firing machine guns, 8 rifles, 1,021 horses and 63 cases of ammunition, besides clothing, tents, &c. At Fenghuang some ammunition, clothing and provisions were taken.

[We are indebted to Mr. M. Noma, the Japanese Consul, for the above.—Ed. D.P.]

## THE FISCAL POLICY.

## AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

LONDON, 19th May, 10.25 a.m.

In the House of Commons at the conclusion of the debate on the Fiscal Policy, Mr. A. W. Black's amendment to the motion in favour of the Fiscal Policy was defeated by 306 votes to 251.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 17th May.

General Png telegraphs that the Japanese advance to Liaoyang is characterised by indecision. He supposes the objective of the principal Japanese forces is a point beyond Haicheng.

## ARREST OF LASCARS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 17th May.

Three Lascars, of the crew of the British steamer *Camrose*, and also some of the crew of a German steamer, have been arrested at Kronstadt on suspicion of being Japanese.

## THE LATE SIR HENRY STANLEY.

LONDON, 17th May.

The funeral service of the late Sir Henry Stanley, the explorer, at Westminster Abbey, was conducted with great ceremony. The King and Queen and the King of the Belgians were represented.

## THE P. &amp; O. MAIL SERVICE.

LONDON, 17th May.

The Government has arranged to extend the present P. & O. Service to 1908, but with an acceleration of 24 hours throughout. The subsidy to be £234,000. In the meanwhile the Government will ascertain whether a further improvement is obtainable by open tender.

## THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

LONDON, 17th May.

The Earl of Harrow, in reply to Earl Spencer, said that the hostility shown to the Mission to Tibet did not show that the policy of the Government was wrong, but that it was confronted with a danger far more serious than was expected. The declaration of policy of the 6th November, 1903, in no wise debars the Mission from going to Lhasa. He admitted that the circumstances were now changed, and that we were now at war with Tibet; and, until we had vindicated our position by force of arms and shown the Tibetans we were not to be trifled with, he did not think that the Government should be asked to give a definite pledge regarding the form the settlement should take at the conclusion of hostilities.

## THE CHIN KIANG RIOT.

The *N.C. Daily News* correspondent writes from Chingking on the 12th May:—

The riot which occurred here yesterday was an uprising against the taxes imposed by the officials. It was proposed to establish a market, and stop the small stands on the street, and also to introduce a new police force, somewhat after the foreign pattern. When it was attempted to introduce these innovations, some of the people rose in fury, and swept up to the foot of the hill where one of the quarters of the new police force was, setting fire to it, and in the *medie* causing the death of several, and seriously wounding several. The police force with Mauser rifles fired into the attacking mob, but did not succeed in driving them away. Report puts the number of killed and injured at fourteen. Both sides suffered. Just about the time the crowd was at its worst, a heavy shower of rain came down, and the tens of thousands of people that were watching from the hills and house-tops more or less dispersed, and the streets were quieter. Various rumours were afloat about the country people rising in every direction, about rowdies coming from north of the river, etc., but to-day, apart from the few soldiers seen stationed on the street, or passing up and down, and the closing of all the shops, nothing seems to be doing on. About noon to-day an armed escort, with an official came down the street and ordered all the shops opened. There was no anti-foreign expression that could be seen among the people.

COLLISION BETWEEN HONGKONG  
AND CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 19th May.

The night steamer *Tai-on* has been in collision with the *Kwangtung* off the Salt Flats near Whampoa.

It is understood that the *Kwangtung*, at the time, was endeavouring to avoid a fishing-junk, which was sunk.

The *Tai-on*, as far as I can gather, struck the *Kwangtung* on the port quarter.

Both steamers sustained heavy damage, amounting, perhaps, to \$15,000.

Passengers had to take native boats to come to Canton.

[The *Kwangtung* is a steamer belonging to the Yuen On S.S. Co. Ltd., running between Hongkong and Canton in conjunction with the *Shin On* and *Kwongchow*. The *Tai-on* is a river steamer belonging to the Tai On S.S. Co., Ltd.—Ed. D.P.]



## WAR NOTES.

## JAPANESE OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

The Japanese Consul at Hongkong yesterday morning kindly sent to us for publication a copy of the following official telegram received by him earlier:—

"Tokyo, 18th May.

"The commander of the landing forces at Linotung reports that between the 5th and 16th instant, daily skirmishes have taken place, the Japanese detachments successfully driving the enemy and destroying the telegraph communication and railways at Palantian and its vicinity. On the 16th instant, after serious fighting, our forces occupied the heights distant three and a half miles from Kinchow. Our casualties were 148, including nine officers wounded."

Palantian is marked in most English maps as "Port Adams." It is about 10 miles north of Kinchow.

## SHANGHAI TELEGRAMS.

We take the following from the *N.C. Daily News*.

"Tokyo, 13th May.—It is officially announced that the third squadron made an indirect bombardment of Dahly on the 12th May, and repulsed the Russian shore."

"Tokyo, 13th May.—While searching for Russian mines, No. 48 torpedo-boat was blown up and divided in two, but she had successfully completed the sweeping and surveying of the adjacent waters, and had cut off the communications with the land. By this accident the Japanese lost seven killed, including an ensign, and seven wounded."

[The torpedo-boat No. 48 was a vessel of a little over 100 tons.]

"Tokyo, 13th May.—It is announced that the Japanese at Palantian sighted on the 6th instant a train from Port Arthur without any Red Cross mark, which fired on them. The Japanese replied, and then the Russians hoisted the Red Cross flag. The Japanese intended to examine the cars, which, however, went ahead at full speed, and escaped."

"Tokyo, 13th May.—A portion of the Russians are crossing the Pyongan and Hamk young borders. Russians who have failed to join their camp are now continually raiding the frontier districts."

"Tokyo, 13th May.—Troops have been despatched from Seoul and Fusan for the protection of the Seoul-Fusan railway."

"Tokyo, 13th May.—The Yalu prisoners, consisting of 16 officers, of whom nine are wounded, and 415 men, of whom 265 are wounded, will arrive at Shikoku to-morrow."

## POSITION AT THE BEAR OF PORT ARTHUR.

On the south of the city of Kinchow, writes the *Shenpan*, the place is mountainous, and on the summits the Russians have mounted big guns. At a very strategic point they have dug a trench over twenty feet wide and over ten ft long, encircling the whole of the south-east, and have also set up barriers for defence. With all these preparations it seemed that the position of the Russians was perfectly secure. But now we hear the Japanese have occupied Kinchow. However, we are told that at the rear of Port Arthur the Russians have dug a trench, in which are placed sharp-pointed bamboo poles, and in the middle of this trench there is a crooked path so laid out as to make all who walk on it to be in danger of death. Moreover, the guns of the forts at the back of the mountains are all pointing to the north. For this reason there is some doubt whether the Japanese can capture the rear of Port Arthur so easily this time as they have captured Kinchow.

## NAVAL NOTES.

## H.M.S. "IPHIGENIA."

The cruiser *Iphegenia* was put in commission at Sheerness on the 15th April, under Captain W. B. Fawcett, and has left on her way to the China station, where she will relieve the cruiser *Talbot*, which will return then to Europe. The *Iphegenia* ought to arrive at Hongkong shortly.

## H.M.S. "CADMUS" AND "CHALLENGER."

The sloop *Cadmus* is on her way to the Australian station. The cruiser *Challenger* is another of the British warships to be despatched to the Australian station.

## A NEW NAVAL GUN.

The British Admiralty has decided, after a very extended series of trials, to adopt for Naval requirements a new quick-firing gun. This will fire a projectile weighing 310 lb. It is much more powerful than that firing a similar projectile already in use, and is to the design of Vickers, Maxim, and Co. The cartridge will be charged with modified cordite, while the gun, which is capable of exceptionally rapid aim-fire, will be fitted with automatic sights. The Naval trials have been carried out under the direction of the Captain of his Majesty's ship *Excellent* and the Chief Inspector of Ordnance at Woolwich.

## OLD WARSHIPS SOLD.

One of the conditions of the sale of old British warships which were offered at auction at Chatham Dockyard last month was that none of the vessels was to be sold to the Powers now at war. The cosmopolitan company of purchasers and sightseers included several representatives of foreign firms, but some foreigners were kept outside by the police.

The prices obtained were—  
*Belleisle*, battleship... £8,600  
*Dunce of Wellington*, hulk... £8,350  
*Algiers*, hulk... £9,350  
*Edgar*, hulk... £5,100  
*Hamadul*, hulk... £4,500  
*Biter*, gunboat... £285  
*Fel*, gunboat... £400  
*Beatrice*, coastguard cutter... £200  
*Dupine*, sloop... £4,050  
*Steelton*, sloop... £4,000  
*Icarus*, sloop... £3,900

## MR. SHEWAN AND SIR HENRY BLAKE.

The subjoined note, says *The Investor's Review*, should close the correspondence on the subject of Hongkong government or mis-government so far as we are concerned:—

(To the Editors of *The Investor's Review*.)

10/11 Lime Street, E.C., 7th April, 1904.

Sirs,—Having been out of town for some weeks I am only now able to reply to Sir Henry Blake's letter to you of February 23rd.

If Sir Henry Blake will look again at my letter he will see that I did not write as a member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong but as a resident there of about four times as long standing as himself. The atrocious crime of having been for a short time a member of the Council I, however, in the words of one who was ever greater than a colonial Governor, one, in fact, who made them, and what is still better, unmade them, when necessary, "will wither attempt to palliate nor deny."

Sir Henry Blake confines himself to two questions only. The first is the petition for sanitary exports which was sent home by the community of Hongkong. He says "there was no public meeting." I did not say there was, so in denying something that was never advanced he may be throwing dust in the eyes of the Colonial Office, but will certainly not delude the Hongkong people, who are too well aware of the facts. He now admits that his suggestion that exports should be sent out was only sent home ten days before the public petition was signed and despatched, and I accept this statement for the sake of argument. But petitions are not got up by the public in a day—signatures had to be obtained and the matter agitated publicly for even months beforehand. I leave your readers to form their own opinion of a Government which, while this was going on, could not take action till the last moment, then rush forward a despatch only ten days before the petition itself was received, and, on the top of that, attempt later on to take the whole credit for doing what it was simply forced to do by public pressure.

As regards the second point—his intimacy with Chinese—Sir Henry Blake says that my statement is untrue. He gives me, with what he calls "brutal frankness," the lie direct, as a specimen, I presume, of the manners to which he refers and of which he seems so proud. I will not imitate him by descending to personalities, I will content myself with the retort courteous and merely suggest that his memory must be strangely at fault, for in the very next paragraph he admits his friendship with Chinese, and for the rest—the people of Hongkong are perfectly able to do the work without any assistance from me.—I am, sirs, Yours obedient servant, ROBERT SHEWAN.

## SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

The *Star* writes.—Although Sir Matthew Nathan secured a startling promotion from the Governorship of the malarial Gold Coast to breezy Hongkong—a jump from £3,600 to £5,000 a year, after only four years of Colonial service—he is apparently determined not to excite himself by hurrying to the Far East, and he will not take up his new post till July. Sir Henry Blake left Hongkong so long ago that he must now have nearly forgotten the place in the new and congenial life at Colombo, and Hongkong may forget that it is entitled to a real Governor before long. However, Sir Matthew is well deserving of a rest at home after his term at Aden, for he has worked hard there under exceptionally difficult circumstances, having to clear up the muddle caused by Sir Frederic Hodgson's demand for the Golden Stool at Kumasi. Although only just turned 40, Sir Matthew Nathan has seen a good deal of rough service, beginning with the Nile campaign of 20 years ago, and following with the dangerous Lushai trouble of 1889, in which the young Jewish officer won marked distinction as much by his useful resources as by his heroism in hot corners.

## THE GOLD STANDARD IN DANGER.

So says Dr. E. J. Dillon in his article on Foreign Affairs in the April *Contemporary*. He writes:—

One of the worst effects which the present war can have upon Russia's finances is the driving of gold out of the country and the return of the Government to a depreciated paper currency. I do not mean to say that this calamity is inevitable; an able Finance Minister, like M. Witte, could and would find ways and means of meeting all liabilities without endangering that greatest achievement of modern financial skill. But M. Kolditzoff is not M. Witte, and the policy which his first measures foreshadow has already challenged the severe criticism of the chief financial and commercial authorities in the Empire. The present Minister is a painstaking, conscientious bureaucrat who is as unlikely to conceive a great idea as to perpetrate an obviously disastrous blunder; but he is quite capable of adopting a course—has indeed already adopted one—which may in the long run throw the financial and economic condition of the country into utter disorder. Although the gold reserves are certainly less abundant than official statements make them out to be, it cannot be doubted that they are considerable, and according to financiers who have no interest in distorting facts, they will enable the Government to pay all claims upon it, without recurring to dubious makeshifts for a considerable time to come. The claims which must be foreseen and provided for will come chiefly from the War Office, the international trade balance and the increased internal demands for money in general, and gold in particular. And the gold reserves really available amount in all to about 500 million roubles. The Finance Minister affirms that they are almost double that sum, but his method of counting differs widely from that of Western Europeans.

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present Hon. P. N. Jones (Vice-President), Hon. A. W. Brewin, Registrar-General; Mr. Fung Wa Chun; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. A. Ramjahn; Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewett; Dr. W. W. Pearce, Medical Officer of Health; Mr. F. J. Budeley, Captain Superintendent of Police; Dr. Pearce; Dr. Barnett; and Mr. T. A. Hamner (Acting Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

## ESTIMATES FOR 1905.

Minute by the Medical Officer of Health recommending that certain works be provided for in the Estimates for Public Works for 1905. The PRESIDENT said that with reference to this minute he did not know whether the members desired to consider the matter in committee. A mortuary at Yau-mat required consideration, and also the matter of public bath houses at Kowloon and Western Street. The bathhouse for Chinese at Wanchai was a great success; the more they had the better. Moreover, if these were granted the temporary bath house at Western and Centre Streets could be done away with. He moved that a recommendation be forwarded to the Government.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN seconded. Mr. HEWETT supported the motion, saying he thought, from a sanitary viewpoint, that they had better have bath houses all over the City. The Chinese would use them very largely.

## DRAINAGE OF THE CITY.

Further correspondence was laid on the table with reference to the drainage of the City.

Mr. Ramjahn moved:—"I strongly object to the words 'sanitary surveyor' in By-law 27 as suggested by the Acting M.O.H. until the Colony has been provided with a proper qualified man, as these holding the same position in England must be civil engineers and must pass a certain examination of hygiene and public sanitation and are invariably members of the Sanitary Institute."

Mr. Lau Chu Pak:—"This should be referred to the sub-committee."

Mr. Hewett:—"Refer to the sub-committee." The D.P.W.:—"I presume Mr. Ramjahn does not refer to the acting Sanitary Surveyor?" Mr. RAMJAHN thought a qualified drainage surveyor should be provided for Hongkong, one of the largest shipping ports of the world. The PRESIDENT proposed that they leave the matter to the committee already appointed.

Mr. HEWETT seconded and it was carried.

## EXTERNAL AID.

Further correspondence relative to the question of external aid in respect of Nos. 4 to 66, Bridges Street.

The PRESIDENT recommended an exemption be granted. Mr. FUNG WA CHUN seconded and it was granted.

## EXEMPTION.

Application for exemption from the requirements of Sub-section 4 of Section 188 of the Buildings Ordinances.

The PRESIDENT explained that this application was from the new hospital adjacent to the Netherlands Hospital. A great quantity of earth would have to be cut away to get the proper width. He proposed that exemption be granted.

Mr. HEWETT seconded.—Granted.

Further correspondence relative to the application for exemption from the provisions of Sections 180 (1) and 141 of Ordinances I of 1903, in respect of No. 438, Des Vaux Road. The PRESIDENT stated that these premises were to be used as a godown. If later they discontinued to be used as a godown the matter would have to come before the board again.

## THE PEAK STATION.

Plan of proposed urinal in the Engine-house at the Peak Tramway terminus.

Mr. HEWETT said he went six times a day past this vicinity. At times there was no water in the place at all, or, at all events, an exceedingly small supply.

The PRESIDENT, interrupting, said they were alluding to the water in the engine house.

Mr. HEWETT said he knew, but if they had no water in the engine house they could not use it (laughter). Besides, that precious water should not be used for flushing urinals; it would be more appropriate for household purposes.

Colonel WEBB said that if the water went to waste it would be better to use it for an urinal. In the dry sea they could use buckets. He made a proposition to this effect.

The PRESIDENT seconded.

Mr. HEWETT asked what was meant by the dry season. His coolies and other coolies eked out every drop of water from the place that they could.

Dr. ATKINSON said it was only intended to use the water that went through the engine.

Mr. HEWETT contended that this would not be sufficient to flush an urinal properly.

It was decided to make enquiries into the matter.

## BAKE HOUSES.

Correspondence relative to the applications for Bake-house Licences, in respect of Nos. 21 and 30, Shan Shui Po, and the unsatisfactory condition of the drainage in that village.

The PRESIDENT moved that application be granted on condition that the premises be kept clean, whitewashed, etc.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK seconded. Carried.

Further correspondence relative to the application for a Bakehouse Licence, in respect of No. 34, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. HEWETT thought that Mr. Weissmann should be treated the same as anyone else. There should not be urinals unless a proper

supply of water was provided. A bake house licence might be granted on condition that the waterclosets be removed.

It was decided that if Mr. Weissmann could get an independent supply of water he could use the closets.

Other matters pertaining to pork, fish, fruit, vegetables, fat-boiling, etc., were considered, applications being granted or otherwise according to the merits of the respective cases.

## RAV RETURN.

It was reported that during the fortnight ended 16th May 1050 rats, of which 9 were infected, were caught.

## WATER ANALYSIS.

The Government Analyst reported that his analysis of the public water supplies showed the water to be of excellent quality.

## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 19th May.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

## ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Ng Tseung, an old Chinaman, and Hon Him, his wife, were charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of law and justice by pretending to the Squatters' Board that the first prisoner was the lessee of a plot of Government ground at Miti (the lessee being in fact dead), by which means the lease was allowed by the Squatters' Board; the man was also charged with committing several fraudulent acts before the Board thereby obtaining the lease.

They pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. Paget Hett, solicitor, of Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton's office).

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. J. C. Cunningham, F. W. White, S. E. Moses, J. T. d'Almeida, Castro, R. Walpole, A. Schmittborn, and L. Kerr.

The Attorney-General, Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), appeared for the Crown. In opening the case, he said the prisoners were charged with manufacturing false evidence for the purpose of obtaining from the Squatters' Board a claim to a plot of land which without these false statements would not have been allowed. The Squatters' Board was a Board presided over by the Puisne Judge, which adjudged upon these claims to land. There was a man named Chan Cheung who used to cultivate some Crown land at Miti as a squatter. He held a squatter's licence for three-and-a-half acres of land. This squatter's licence was for one year, renewable every year, and was transferable. In 1896 this man Chan Cheung lodged a claim with the Squatters' Board for a Crown lease of the land for which he held a squatter's licence. Chan Cheung was an old squatter; his family had been there a long time. There were a good many such claims heard before his claim came on. Chan Cheung had died. He died in May, 1898. Defendants were aware of this fact. There was a son called Chan Tso who would tell the jury that in September of the same year that his father died the female defendant came to him and offered him a child, \$20 a year for a lease of this land for cultivation purposes. The boy was induced to let the land for that rental.

Mr. Sharp (interposing) said it was incorrect to call the son a child; he was 21 years of age now.

The Attorney-General remarked that was detail. At any rate he could not have been more than 15 or 16 years of age at the time. The woman and her husband got the lease. Chan Tso left the land and went to live at Changshawa, giving the defendants (the squatter's lease held by his father. Defendants went to live on the plot, built a hut, and adopted the name of the deceased Chan Cheung in whose name the lease was made out. When the annual squatter's rent became due the defendants went to the Treasury and paid it, passing themselves off as Chan Cheung and Chan Cheung's wife. In March of 1904, Chan Tso, the original squatter's son, went to the woman and asked her for his father's squatter's licence. She said she had lost it. Chan Tso was not satisfied with this and he went to a solicitor, Mr. John Hastings, for advice. Then it was discovered that the defendants had been before Mr. Wakeman, the secretary of the Squatters' Board, and had filed a new claim to his land, the male defendant stating that he was Chan Cheung and the woman that she was Chan Cheung's wife. That was a deliberate act of manufacturing false evidence for the purpose of deceiving the Board. Defendants, although aware of the fact that Chan Cheung was dead, had concealed that fact from the Squatters' Board and had not communicated it to the Public Works Department, leaving them to assume that Chan Cheung was alive and that the male defendant was he. The evidence of the officials of the Squatters' Board and its records showed the following conclusions. The male defendant deliberately signed Chan Cheung's name to his claim with the intention of having the claim allowed by the Squatters' Board. On 19th February, 1904, he signed his name as being Chan Cheung, and on 17th March his claim was heard by the Board and was allowed to him as being Chan Cheung. On 24th March, the two defendants, Chan Tso, the son, and Mr. Goldring, his solicitor, were in the Land Office. The male prisoner there stated to the Squatters' Board that he was Chan Cheung and the woman Chan Cheung's wife; also that he had appeared before the Board on 7th March as Chan Cheung and that he was the same Chan Cheung who had signed the old claim in 1896.

Evidence was taken for the prosecution and the hearing was afterwards adjourned till to-day.

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## POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 19th May.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ.  
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

## ALLEGED MURDER.

Chik Sun, a Chinaman, was charged with murder, the case being remanded for a week.

The supposed facts are that at Moon Street, on the night of the 18th inst., two men had a brawl about repairing a jacket. One of them went away and returned with a mob, one of the men hitting deceased with a bamboo pole, and inflicted a wound on the left shoulder about two inches deep, causing the man's death. A witness, it is said, followed the man who used the bamboo pole to his house in Sun Street, then looking for the police to effect an arrest. Chinese Constable No. 219 was on his way to duty, passing along a street in Wanchai, when witness accosted him and took to defendant.

## CHINESE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

Chinese Constable No. 325 was charged by an old woman, who said defendant had assaulted her, causing her to "die," a novel way of expressing that she had fainted. After two hours "she came to life again," a report in the meantime being made at Shaukiwan Police Station. Evidence went to show that the woman was not assaulted at all, but getting into a fit of passion while quarrelling with a neighbour, fainted. The constable was discharged.

## OBSTRUCTIONIST FINED.

The Magistrate, evidently, have now taken up a different view regarding obstructions under verandahs. Mr. Gompertz fined a Chinaman \$3 for carrying a basket there.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## OPIUM.

Mr. Kemp fined a Yau-mat prostitute \$500 for unlawful possession of gross opium, and two long-coated Chinese "gentlemen" \$100 each for same offence.

## SHIPPING NOTICES.

## FINE WEATHER WEST.

Mariners continue to arrive from the West with smiling faces and clean funnels. They all report fine weather, saying they have not had to wipe a salt out of their eyes this trip.

The P. & O. outward mail *Comorand* experienced fine clear weather excepting occasional squalls.

The *Edendale* from Surabaya had a very agreeable passage.

## PLAGUE AT BOMBAY.

The outward P. & O. mail *Comorand*, from Bombay yesterday, reports plague at that port.

## A LONG ROW.

The *s.s. Sletten* arrived from Shanghai yesterday. Capt. Farrell reports that he towed down a 15-ton lighter, R.P. No. 3, with Capt. Fryn and a Chinese crew on it.

## THE S.S. "IKBAL."

The *s.s. Iktal* arrived from Capetown yesterday. She was, up to quite recently, employed running cattle, horses, etc. between England and the Cape, but will now be employed for the transportation of human beings—she is to take Chinamen from Hongkong to Durban.

The *Iktal* is a fine looking four-masted steamer, and the fittings for cooie accommodation are good. The steamer's agents here are Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The *Chowshan* arrived from Bangkok yesterday with 2,200 tons of rice for Messrs. Bradley & Co.

The *Teau*, one of the China Navigation Co.'s new steamers, arrived from Shanghai yesterday. She is a pretty craft.

The Hamburg-American *Batavia*, from Saigou yesterday, has no less than 7,000 tons of rice aboard. Some 4,000 tons of it are for Hongkong.

The *Carl Diederichsen* arrived from Haiphong and Hoibow yesterday with 1,000 tons of cargo for Messrs. Jensen & Co.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## WANTED.

**CLERK Wanted.**  
Apply by letter, to—  
W. BREWER & CO.,  
Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1288]

## TO LET.

**"CHELTONDALE,"** Mount Gough, from 1st June next. Very suitable for 3 or 4 Bachelors.  
Apply to—  
T. C. GRAY,  
Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1289]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

## COMPANIES (WINDING UP).

IN THE MATTER OF THE WO ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, and  
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1895 to 1897.

THE Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before TUESDAY, the 12th day of JULY, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to Messrs DEACON LOOKER and DEACON, Solicitors for the Colony of Hongkong, at the Office of the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Office of the Registrar (Companies Winding Up) Supreme Court House Victoria aforesaid at such time as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

THURSDAY, the 14th day of July, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Office of the Registrar (Companies Winding Up) is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 26th May, 1904, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at "BELVEDERE," PLANTATION ROAD, The Peak, (THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE),

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, (Particulars in Catalogue).

Terms: Cash on delivery.  
On View from Wednesday, the 25th May, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. [1291]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL" FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., ex s.s. Britannia and Marsora.

From Australia, ex s.s. China.

From Calcutta, ex s.s. Sumatra.

From Penang, Gulf, ex s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Cochin China ex s.s. Fulla.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m., To-day, the 19th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 26th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent. [1292]

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904.

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS AND CHINA OVERLAND TRADER REPORT will be ready to-morrow, and will contain:—

Leading Articles:—  
Progress of the War.  
The War and International Politics.  
Hongkong's Fire-Fighting Service.  
Hongkong's Lotteries.  
The War: Telegrams.  
Hongkong Legislative Council.  
Hongkong Sanitary Board.  
Dallas Co., at the Theatre Royal.  
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Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## THE HENRY DALLAS

## MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

## RETURN SEASON

TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), MAY 20.

"THREE LITTLE MAIDS."

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), MAY 21.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

POSITIVELY THE LAST TWO PERFORMANCES.

MONDAY, MAY 23.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

"THE GEISHA."

PRICES AS USUAL.

## PLAN AT THE

ROBINSON PIANO CO., LD.

Late Train after each Performance.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1904. [1207]

## WANTED.

ENGLISHMAN requires position, Hongkong or Outports; able to introduce Business. Good references.

Write—"MERCANTILE,"  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [1261]

## WANTED.

AN Englishman requires BOARD and RESIDENCE in a Mess or Private Family in Kowloon.

Apply—  
BOX 333,  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [1280]

## SITUATION WANTED.

AN English Speaking Chinese Gentleman is willing to accompany European or American Tourists in China or elsewhere as private SECRETARY and INTERPRETER at moderate terms. Best reference.

Apply to—  
F. K.,  
Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1904. [1250]

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on 23rd and 24th instant, "WHIT MONDAY" and "VICTORIA DAY" respectively.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1272]

## NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO'S STORE will be CLOSED next MONDAY and TUESDAY, "WHIT MONDAY" and "VICTORIA DAY." Customers are respectfully asked to make their necessary purchases on Saturday, the 21st instant.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1282]

## ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

PRODUCE the Highest Class AERATED WATERS in the Far East on account of their High Class Machinery and also of the superior ingredients they use in the manufacture of their goods, and the cleanliness, &c., are all under strict supervision of Europeans only.

Report of an Expert. The representative of Messrs. BRATBY and HINCHLiffe, LIMITED, Aerated Water Engineers and Chemists, Manchester, visited our factory recently in the course of a tour amongst Eastern Aerated Water Makers, and was greatly surprised at the compactness of our factory and also the methodical way in which everything pertaining to the making of Aerated Waters was carried out. He also expressed himself strongly on the absolute cleanliness of our whole establishment, which he assured us was equal to any he had yet visited and superior to a great many. He also reported that the quality of our goods was of a first class nature, and they showed that scrupulous care was exercised in the course of their manufacture.

Order Books and Price List. Please apply to FACTORY and OFFICE, West Point. Tel. 367. Depot, Lee House Street. Tel. 371. Dr. V. DANENBERG & F. P. DANENBERG, General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [122]

## AN APPEAL.

THE SISTERS who direct ST. ANTONIO'S CONVENT at Macao will be very thankful to Shopkeepers, Linen-drillers, Clothiers and Tailors in Hongkong, Macao, and elsewhere who will send to them remnants of material, books of patterns no longer used, and any pieces of cloth, no matter how small, of which they cannot make use.

Those who send will thus, at no cost to themselves, afford the numerous hands in the convent, especially the little ones, opportunity for useful occupation; for pieces of cloth, even of a square inch, can be stitched together and very pretty pieces of work made out of cloth that would otherwise be thrown away. These articles are bought by charitable persons, and the Sisters are thus helped to keep up their very large establishment, which is maintained by the alms of friends and in a great measure by the earnings of the girls themselves, who lead by no means an idle life within the convent walls.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1274]

QUAN WAH & CO  
GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS.

MAKERS OF GRANITE MONUMENT

No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.

All descriptions of Granite for Export.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. [10]

## COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Co. Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sundays excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1901. [57]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

## THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, 13, Beaconfield Arcade, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th May, 1904, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, the election of Directors and Auditor, and to consider the future financial arrangements for carrying on the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
A. R. LOWE,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1244]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th May to the 1st June, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [1285]

## AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TO-DAY (FRIDAY) and TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 20th and 21st May, 1904, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m., at No. 52, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, known as

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, (mostly of Mahogany and Hall and Holtz makes),

Comprising:—  
Very Fine CARVED BLACKWOOD TABLE, COUCH CHAIRS, STOOLS, &c.; SADDLE-BACK and PLUSH COVERED SOFAS and ARMCHAIRS, VELVET and PLUSH COVERED EASY CHAIRS, FINE STEEL ENGRAVINGS, OIL PAINTINGS and WATER COLOURS, WHITE LACE CURTAINS, VELVET PILE CARPETS (almost New) and RUGS, VASES and ORNAMENTS, &c., &c.; Handsomely carved TEAK SIDEBOARD, OVERMANTLES and DINING TABLE, CONSULE GLASS, MOROCCO-COVERED CHAIRS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, GLASS and CUTLERY and VELVET PILE STAIR and HALL CARPETS (almost New), &c., &c.; TEAK WARDROBES, with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE TOP BUREAUX, with REVELED MIRRORS; MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, FINELY-CARVED TEAK BEDSTEADS, PLUSH-CARVED BEDROOM SUITES, &c., &c., &c.; Also

TWO COTTAGE PIANOS by Rachals (in Good Condition).

On View from Thursday, the 19th May. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1248]

## JUST UNPACKED.

CHUTNEY! CHUTNEY!! CHUTNEY!!!

ABSOLUTELY the Best, from the well-known Chutney Makers in India, Messrs. Sreenivas Dutt & Co., such as Major Grays, Bengal Club, Cashmere, Mango Sweet Shred and others.

Quality will speak for itself.

H. RUTONJEE, No. 5, D'Aguilar Street, 36 to 38, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1271]

DAVID CORSAK & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY BOILED CANVAS

RELINCE CROWN TARPAILING

ARNHOLD, KARBELG & CO. Sole Agents.

3458]

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS, NAGASAKI.

CODE WORD: "DOCK," NAGASAKI. A.I. & B.C. Scott's and Engineering Code.

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI). Extreme Length... 323 feet. Length on Blocks... 313. Width of Entrance on Top... 89. Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77. Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 28.

DOCK No. 2 (at MUKAJIMA). Extreme Length... 371 feet. Length on Blocks... 350. Width of Entrance on Top... 66. Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53. Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22. PATENT SLIP (at KOSUGI). Can take vessels up to 1,000 tons gross.

THE WORKS are well equipped with the latest IMPROVEMENTS and can execute any kind of work in SHIPBUILDING and MARINE ENGINEERING as well as in REPAIRING OF SHIPS.

THE COMPANY has a SALVAGE STEAMER, 712 TONS GROSS, FITTED WITH POWERFUL SALVAGE PLANT READY AT SHORT NOTICE.

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS.

FULL line of samples may be seen at 53, Des Voeux Road, where our Representative has established himself. He will accept orders for all our brands of Cigars at Factory Prices.

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS, Barcelona and Manila.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1054]

## NOTICES OF REMOVAL

THE HEAD AGENCY OF THE JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

THE OFFICES of the above Steamship Company have This Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 3rd FLOOR, Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1138]

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LD. (Proprietors of David Storor & Co.) have REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (3rd FLOOR), W. D. GRAHAM, Manager. Hongkong, 10th April, 1904. [1157]

## INSURANCES

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [105]

AACHEN and MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [109]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & CO. Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office. Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [29]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO. FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSURANCE. Prospectuses on application.

TUMNER & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [267]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE TIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1902, £16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0 0

II. FINE FUNDS... 2,867,215 15 10

THE Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SUEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1889]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON. INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO. Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1121]

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO. Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

## NOTICE OF FIRM

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY.

THE CHINAMAN GAN KANG SIOE, Trader of Samarang (Java) has revoked all Powers of Attorney given to KUNG TJONG DJEANG (also written KANG TJONG DJANG LEANG or KANG TJONG CHEANG) of Amoy, carrying on Business under the Style or "HANG KEE HONG," especially the power of attorney given to him by deed dated 6 December, 1902, passed before the temporary acting notary at Samarang, J. H. A. van Borsseveld.

Notary Public at Samarang. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1904. [1172]

## PURE FRESH WATER.

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER-BOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and Boilers.

Call Flag W. J. W. KEW, Manager. 1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road. Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [3943]

A. LING & CO., FURNITURE STORE.

PLATED GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, &c., &c.; and FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [131]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTONJEE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED... 1,125,000

PAID-UP... 582,500

RESERVE FUND... 80,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per annum on the Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—  
For 12 months... 4 1/2  
" 6 " 3 1/2  
" 3 " 3

EVAN ORMISTON, Manager. Hongkong, 23rd May, 1903. [192]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN (FORMOSA), LIMITED. (INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... Yen 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPER, FORMOSA. HONGKONG OFFICE: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD (facing Duddell Street).

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HONGKONG—INTEREST



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**GODOWN, No. 32, PRAYA EAST.**  
Nos. 15, 17 & 19, SEYMOUR ROAD.  
Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD.  
Apply to—  
COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT,  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [430]

## TO LET

**NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, the Peak.**  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [895]

## TO LET

**NO. 2, CONDUIT ROAD.** Possession from 16th May next.  
Also  
No. 2, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD, nearly opposite the Football Club Ground. 4 Large Rooms, all facing the Road. Very Low Rental. Possession from 1st June next.  
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AHMET BUMJAHN,  
62, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1120]

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**"EIGHTER," the Peak.**  
Immediate Possession—for 18 months.  
Apply to—  
JEBSEN & CO.  
Hongkong, 27th April, 1904. [1107]

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**NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE (in FLATS).**  
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FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the Polo Ground.  
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).  
GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST.  
"ROSENEATH," KOWLOON.  
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1904. [75]

## TO LET

**THE SECOND FLOOR of No. 8, Des Vaux Road, above our present office.**  
A suite of FOUR LARGE ROOMS on the First Floor of No. 3, Queen's Road, above the Chartered Bank of I. A. and China.  
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1242]

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**"THE BYRNE" (Peak).**  
No. 3, CAMERON VILLAS, Peak.  
"ALEXANDRA" BUILDINGS, Rooms on the Top Floor.  
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Nos. 11, 13 & 21, BEILIOS TERRACE.  
"WESTWARD HO" Top Floor only.  
No. 1, BEAUFIELD ARCADE (whole house), facing Parade Ground. Cheap Rental.  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TWO ROOMS, over Aches & Co.  
Apply to—  
LINDSEY & DAVIS.  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [387]

## TO LET

**NO. 44, LYNDEHURST TERRACE.**  
Apply to—  
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.,  
45, Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [1262]

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**NO. 11, KNUTSFORD TERRACE.**  
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1097]

## TO LET

**ONE SPACIOUS NEW GODOWN,** very suitable for Dry Goods.  
Apply to—  
W. LYSAUGHT,  
153, Wanchai Road.  
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [76]

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ONE or more FURNISHED ROOMS, in excellent situation.  
Apply to—  
X. X.  
Care of Daily Press Office.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1904. [582]

## TO LET

**THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS** European Style, in Kowloon.  
Possession on or about 31st August, 1905.  
Moderate Rentals.  
No. 5, SALISBURY AVENUE, and No. 8 AUSTIN AVENUE with Immediate Possession.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [915]

## TO LET

**FURNISHED HOUSE, Kowloon, with Tennis Court.**  
OFFICES, CENTRAL POSITION.  
And others to suit various requirements.  
S. A. SEITH,  
Land and Estate Broker.  
The Dairy Farm Co., LD.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [73]

## TO LET

**NO. 11, GAGE STREET, Eight Rooms and Godown.**  
Apply to—  
C. E. DE CARVALHO,  
Care of Hongkong Bank.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1904. [1148]

## TO LET

**2ND and 3RD FLOORS, No. 35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Office.**  
Apply to—  
WING CHEONG,  
35, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [74]

## TO LET

**FIRST-CLASS FURNISHED ROOMS,** with or without Board, close to Post Office and Banks.  
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N. N. 98,  
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## CHESS NOTES.

It is supposed to hold a tournament very shortly for the championship of the Hongkong Chess Club, the title falling vacant early next month. The conditions are now being settled by the committee, and entries will be received soon. A good struggle is anticipated, as there are a number of players more or less on an equality.

The friendly match of five games up between Messrs. Falloon and Sergeant ended in a draw, each player scoring 2½ points. Play was perhaps more exciting than sound, but four of the games were distinctly interesting.

The concluding sentence of the following paragraph, which we take from Mr. Van Vliet's column in *To-Day*, will be endorsed by all chess-lovers:—"Chess-players throughout the world will be keenly disappointed to learn that the match for the championship which was to have been fought in September between Doctors E. Lasker and S. Tarrasch has been postponed for at least a year. The reason assigned is that Dr. Tarrasch met with a severe ice accident in January at Nuremberg, which, he thinks, will unfit him for so important a contest during this year. We are sure, however, that Dr. Tarrasch will receive due sympathy, as an ice accident which can incapacitate a chess player for a period of eighteen months must be severe indeed."

Two changes were made at the last moment in the list of players competing in the Cambridge Springs Tournament. Herr Geza Maroczy and Mr. Lipschitz were unable to play and were replaced by Mr. Julius Finn, of the Manhattan Chess Club, and Mr. Albert W. Fox, champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club. This tournament is now in progress.

The London Chess League championship for 1903-4 was won by the Metropolitan Chess Club, with 10 wins in 11 matches. The next four clubs were—Hampstead and Lud-Eagle (8 each), Insurance, (8) West London (7). By the way, there are two ex-members of the last-named club's League team in Hongkong at present.

The Championship of Scotland, contested at the 21st annual congress of the Scottish Chess Association at Dundee at the beginning of May, was won by Dr. Macdonald, of Linlithgow, Mr. W. N. Walker being second.

The following game won the special brilliancy prize at the recent Championship Tournament at Berlin, being scored by the winner, Mr. H. Caro, who secured 15 games out of a possible 18:

**QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.**  
White. Black. White. Black.  
1. P-K4. W. King. H. Caro. W. King.  
2. P-K3. P-K4. 17. Kt-B7ch K-R2  
3. Kt-K3. P-K3. 18. Kt-K5 Bt-K6  
4. P-Q3. B-Q3. 19. P-B3 Kt-Q4  
5. Q-K2. Q-K2. 20. P-B4 P-K4 (e)  
6. P-K4. P-P. 21. B-B2 Kt-B4  
7. Kt-P. Kt-K1. 22. Q-K2 Q-K2  
8. B-K4. P-K4 (b). 23. Kt-Q3 Kt-Q3  
9. B-Q3. P-K4 (b). 24. Kt-K3 Kt-K3  
10. Kt-Q3. P-K4 (b). 25. B-K5ch Kt-K5  
11. B-B4ch K-Rsq. 26. P-K7ch K-Rsq  
12. Kt-K5. Q-K5. 27. P-K7ch K-Rsq  
13. K-Rsq. P-K5. 28. P-B7ch Kt-K5  
14. Q-B3 (a) Kt-B3. 29. B-B3 K-R2  
15. Q-Kt3 Q-R4. 31. B-Kt3ch K-Kt3  
16. P-K3. P-K3. 32. B-B7ch Bgins  
(a) This is bad, allowing White at once to bring both bishops to the attack. He should have played P-Q4.  
(b) To prevent Bt-RP followed by Kt-Kt5 if Kt-B.  
(c) Kt-B3 seems better, although Black's centre pawns are weak.  
(d) Very pretty. If P-Q15. Rt-Q. Rt-B. 16. Kt-B7ch. Kt-Kt5. 17. Kt-Bdis. ch. K-Bsq. 18. Kt-B. Kt-Kt. 19. P-P and wins, or if 14. Kt-K4. 15. Q-KR3 wins.  
(e) P-QKt3 would have been better followed by Kt-B4.  
(f) White now has a forced win, his next move getting his Q-B into play with fatal effect, and if 24... Bt-R. Q-Kt-P followed by P-K6 wins.

**SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.**

**STRUCTURE OF IRON AND STEEL—AN OVERLOOKED DEFECT—THE MERCURY-VAPOUR LIGHT—JAPAN'S STEAM—A SAFE SLEEP—PRODUCER—ELEVEN PERSONALITIES IN ONE—DANGER IN INERT DUST—A CHEMICAL MARVEL.**

Chemical analysis alone is no longer the guide to the quality of iron and steel. In the new "metallography" polished and etched sample is found to be made up of various minute particles, of which Mr. A. P. Head, the British engineer, gives the following as the chief: 1. Ferrite, or pure iron, soft, ductile, and conductive. 2. Cementite, a definite carbide of iron, harder than glass and very brittle. 3. Pearlite, a mixture of six parts of ferrite to one of cementite. 4. Martensite, a hard, brittle, solid solution of carbon up to 1.1 per cent. in iron. 5. Austenite, a soft, non-magnetic steel of from 1.6 per cent. carbon, suddenly quenched from 1000 deg. in ice water. 6. Graphite, or carbon, found in slowly cooled cast iron. Ordinary wrought iron and the softer steels consist of about 99 per cent. of ferrite to 1 of cementite; while the harder steels may contain as much as 7 per cent. of cementite, and in white cast iron it may rise to 67 per cent. The maximum strength is reached with about 15 per cent. of cementite. High-carbon tool-steels, hardened by quenching, are almost entirely martensite.

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proven so vigorous a weed that \$25,000 has been offered for a sure means of eradicating it.

The latest of the lamps attempting to take advantage of the great brilliancy of the electric arc in the vapour of mercury has just been perfected by C. Orme Bastian and A. E. Salisbury, English electricians. It resembles the Normal lamp in size and appearance. The light-producing part, consisting of an H-shaped glass tube with bulb-shaped lower extremities into which platinum wires project, is exhausted of air, and contains just enough mercury to fill the bulbs and flood the cross-tube, which is slightly curved downward. The lamp is so hung that the legs are normally vertical. A solenoid above the globe is connected in series with the mercury through the platinum wires, and when the switch is closed the solenoid attracts an armature, tilting the tube, and slightly separating the two sides of the horizontal mercury. An arc forms across the gap, lengthening to about three inches as the increasing pressure forces the mercury up the side tubes. The light is very vivid, but its lack of red rays causes all red objects to appear black, and this defect is remedied by placing a small red glow-lamp alongside the tube. The light is cheap and powerful, while its richness in actinic rays specially adapts it to photographic use.

Reviewing the steam engineering progress of Japan, Prof. Bunji Mano finds that the first land engine was placed in a spinning-mill at Kagoshima in 1863, and that the first made in the country came about ten years later. In 1901 the land engine in use numbered 3,258, with a horse-power of 77,627. The first railway, with four British locomotives, was opened between Tokyo and Yokohama in 1872; to-day the railway mileage is 4,469, with 1,469 locomotives. The first steamer was brought from Holland in 1855; the first built in the country dates from 1866. The present number of steamers is 1,079, with a gross tonnage of 645,926.

Veronal, a new hypnotic, is found by Dr. A. C. Jordan, an English physician, to be apparently harmless. It is proving of great value in insomnia, and in diseases of heart, lungs, kidneys, and liver.

An extraordinary case of "multiple personality" has been described to the London Psychological Society by Dr. Albert Wilson. In 1895 a well-behaved, intelligent girl of 12½ years was taken sick with influenza, followed by meningitis, and after an illness of six weeks her facial expression and manner changed, and she became childish, clinging her words. She had to be taught the meaning of words, while she wrote each one backward. Her characteristics, more over, changed rapidly, so that she often seemed three different persons in five minutes, and Dr. Wilson has classified altogether ten of these distinct personalities besides her own normal one. She was at times more childish and ignorant than at other times. Sometimes she was deaf and dumb, at other times paralysed in the lower limbs; sometimes she wrote forward and spoke backwards; occasionally she became an imbecile, blind and apathetic, and in another change she was an acrobat, trying to climb a wall on her head. In her blind stage she could read writing and determine colour by touch. She has now settled into a single personality, not her original one, and in this, but in no other, she understands French.

Dusty work seems to be responsible for consumption in an unexpected degree. In 2,181 cases of tuberculosis treated at the sixty institutions of the German Empire, 1,095 patients had been employed in dust. The kind of dust was not stated in 431 cases; in 182 cases it was metal-dust; in 129, stone, coal, or glass-dust; in 116, wood-dust; in 111, wool-dust; in 126, various other kinds of dust.

Cryotase—a mixture of equal parts of phenol, camphor, and a little turpentine oil—is a scientific curiosity. It reverses ordinary experience by the surprising property of liquefying in the cold and solidifying in heat, and continuing to change with temperature. Albumen is solidified by heat, undergoing no further change.

**HOW MEN HAVE MISSED MAKING FORTUNES.**

It is astounding how many men may everywhere be found who are discontented—who feel instinctively that they were born for better things; who in some way, they scarcely know how, have allowed life's golden opportunities to pass them by, failing to achieve what they believe might have been, and say should have been, theirs. No one can point to any definite defect in them, yet they have failed.

Why have they failed? To the expert observer the cause is very obvious. Success is achieved only by energy, and energy is what they lack.

Now, energy, whether of the hand or the head, is produced by food. A starved man can neither dig the ground properly nor think out a matter clearly.

Has a man, therefore, in order to become energetic, merely to be supplied with good food? No; unfortunately the case is not so simple as that. The food that he eats must do its work properly; must make rich, pure blood, and repair the waste which is continually taking place in his system. Food can only do this when the digestive organs are in perfect working order. In persons whose digestion is impaired food stagnates, creates gases in the stomach, and not only fails to properly sustain them but aggravates their complaint and poisons the system.

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Indigestion and biliousness are what some medical authorities term "root diseases"; that is to say, if these complaints are neglected, they develop into others even more serious. More often than not, medicines supposed to be remedies are at first resorted to. Sometimes these are persevered in for considerable periods, resulting in loss of time and needless suffering, besides rendering the subsequent cure by Mother Seigel's Syrup more difficult. In these circumstances Mr. Bowden is to be congratulated on having his attention so early directed to Mother Seigel's Syrup, and upon the happy result of his use of it.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1904. [877]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

THE Steamship

"SILVERLIP"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed and  
stored at their risk, into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M.,  
To-day, the 14th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 21st May, will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on Saturday, the 21st May, at 2.30 p.m.  
All Claims must reach us before the 24th May,  
or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

ARNHOLD KARBURG & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1255]

## STEAMSHIP "AUSTRALIEN" COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s.  
Dardogne and Sinai, from Havre ex.s.s.  
Sinai, from Bordeaux ex.s.s. Ville de Havre  
and Ville de Lorient, in connection with above  
Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods,  
with the exception of Opium, Treasure and  
Valuable, are being landed and stored at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at  
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon, To-day, 16th inst., requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after  
Monday, the 23rd May, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 23rd May, or they will not be recognised.  
All damaged packages will be examined on  
Monday, the 23rd May, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1904. [2]

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-  
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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"CALCHAS."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being  
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the  
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where, in both  
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo  
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown  
on and after the 18th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice  
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined at 11 A.M. on the 23rd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst., will  
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the undersigned on or before the  
26th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1904. [10-11]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed  
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the  
20th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk  
and expense, and stored at the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE  
and PENANG are requested to take IM-  
MEDIATE delivery of their Goods from  
alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge  
of the Vessel will be landed and stored at  
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1278]

## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FROM BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMAR-  
ANG, SOUABAYA, MACASSAR  
AND JAVA PORTS.

THE J.C.J.L. Steamship

"TUMAHAI,"

Captain von Wyk Zuerich, having arrived from  
the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
countersignature by the undersigned, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge and/or  
Cargo left on board after Friday, the 25th May,  
at Noon, will be landed in the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
The steamer will be despatched for Moji  
Kobe and Yokohama on the 21st May, about  
6 o'clock p.m.

HOLLAND-CHINA-TRADING CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1279]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"TIENTSIN"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m.,  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-  
downs for examination by the Consignees and  
the Company's representative at an appointed  
hour. All Claims must be presented within  
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognised. No  
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have  
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E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1904. [1]

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